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1. The opinion is prevalent in the DDR that the Korean conflict was started by South Koreans acting on Americans orders. Georg Dertinger has so far not expressed a definite opinion on the Korean issue, but has stated that the North Koreans have had Soviet schooling and would overrun southern Korea the same way the "People's Police" would one day overrun Western Germany.
2. People in the DDR Foreign Ministry are slowly preparing themselves for the contingency of warlike developments resulting from the Korean conflict.
3. Henceforth, all land party conventions of the CDU will be conducted within the framework of the National Front in order to stimulate the people more effectively. Party conventions will no longer be a matter for the CDU alone, because attendance would be too small. Party conventions must take the form of organized mass demonstrations.
4. All Ministers and Secretaries of State of the DDR were instructed to attend a meeting with G.M. Pushkin on the evening of [REDACTED]
- 25X1A 5. On the evening of [REDACTED] Ujbright was to receive four hundred leading personalities, including Dertinger.
6. One Kurt Prezel, SED, is slated for appointment as head of the Consular Division.
7. Rudolf Appelt, DDR representative at Moscow, has now been named plenipotentiary.*
8. John Peet, former Chief Correspondent of the Reuter Bureau, is not trusted by Dertinger. He is subject to close supervision.

25X1A * **Comment:** When Appelt was first sent to Moscow, his status was undefined. Later the DDR decided that accreditation should cover the authority to sign treaties on behalf of the DDR. This was disapproved by the Soviet Foreign Ministry. Evidently the Soviet decision was reversed.

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